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1. As soon as the fifth Soviet Five Year Plan went into effect, the following road construction and reconstruction projects were undertaken:

a. The republic road (Shosse Respublikanskogo Znacheniya): Uzhgorod - Mukachevo - Svalava - Skole - Stryi - L'vov [AMS, maps W-16, W-17, V-17, V-18, U-18 scale 1:100,000,] originally a white, metaled road (Beloye Shosse) six meters wide, was widened to eight meters and surfaced with asphalt cement. Steep gradients and sharp curves were eliminated along the road's entire length, and complete new sections were built instead; [] specifically that:

- (1) A new section was built in the region of Paseka Village [Map W-17: 10N-50E] so that the road now runs through the village instead of, as originally, passing close to the Latorica River.
- (2) A two kilometer curve south of the Village Vys Hrabovnice [W-17: 30N-58E] was eliminated and replaced by a straight road.
- (3) A considerable improvement was made on the section from Verbjaz to the south part of Karls-dorf Village [Map V-17: 40N-72E]; many sharp curves were eliminated, and a new road section with increased curve radius and smaller gradients was built. This called for the construction of quite a large number of new bridges which were all made of reinforced concrete.

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